

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils**

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils by eliminating the classes Persian and Mixed lentils and establishing a new class, Miscellaneous peas, and a new grading factor for lentils, Inconspicuous Admixture. GIPSA is changing these standards to facilitate the marketing of peas and lentils.

Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices. . . ." The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request.

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on August 15, 1997 (62 FR 43695), that it was proposing to eliminate the classes Persian and Mixed lentils, and to establish a new class, Miscellaneous peas, and a new grading factor for lentils, Inconspicuous Admixture.

GIPSA received no comments in response to that notice.

Since these changes to the standards were recommended and reviewed by the affected trade and are consistent with current practices in the trade, they will become effective on August 1, 1998, the beginning of the next marketing season.

The United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The revised United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils are available either by accessing GIPSA's Home Page on the Internet at: www.usda.gov/gipsa/strulreg/standard/

beans or by contacting the Audiovisual, Regulatory and Training Staff, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3649, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3649; telephone (202) 720-1734; FAX (202) 720-4628.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*

Dated: November 25, 1997.

James R. Baker,
Administrator.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Rhode Island Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Rhode Island Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 1997, at the Providence Marriott Hotel, One Orms Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02096. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to plan for a future briefing on the project concept, "An Examination of the Impact of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 on Legal Immigrants in Rhode Island."

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Robert Lee, 401-863-1693, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, November 19, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Virginia Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and

regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Virginia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:00 p.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 1997, at the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23221. The purpose of the meeting is (1) to welcome new members and returning members; (2) present an administrative orientation and report on the status of the Commission and its State Advisory Committees; and (3) discuss a draft report of its project, "The Treatment of Blacks on the Peninsula."

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Roger A. Galvin, 703-838-0083, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Export Trade Certificate of Review**

ACTION: Notice of Application to Amend Certificate.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Morton Schnabel, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export